

# We Say

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## The Password Is ...

**THUMBS DOWN** to the defeat this week of Senate Bill 123 in Pierre. This measure would have prevented employers from demanding prospective employees to hand over the passwords to their social media accounts in order to inspect their online activity. The measure seems to make an effort to protect the privacy of people applying for employment, but apparently privacy is designed to be one of the victims of prying employers. While we understand the concerns that employers might have about their employees, there are lines of protection that all of us should be able to maintain. However, the Judiciary Committee moved the bill to the Legislature's 41st day (of a 40-day session), which effectively kills the measure. Hopefully, we will see this again, because personal privacy is definitely becoming an endangered beast in this prying age.

## On Notice

However, **THUMBS UP** to the House Local Government Committee which on Thursday defeated HB1167, which would have allowed governing bodies to post public notices on the Internet rather than have them printed in officially designated newspapers. The vote was 11-2. As we noted earlier this week, this was really a matter of keeping governments and public officials accountable for their actions. By allowing these bodies to post them on their own online, it invites rampant abuse, growing secrecy and a disconnection between public officials and the people they serve.

## Great Gathering

**THUMBS UP** to the excellent crowd that showed up at the NFAA Easton Archery Center in Yankton Wednesday night for a mixer event that put a spotlight on the World Youth Archery Championships to be held in Yankton this June. This major tournament is not going to be something that area residents will be able to ignore, as it will bring hundreds of global competitors, as well as coaches, fans and staff, to town. Hosting it is an enormous undertaking, and Wednesday's event allowed people to hear just what is involved and what will be needed. This is going to be a tremendous mixing of cultures, and Yankton needs to be ready. We know it will, judging from the interest shown Wednesday night.

## Taking A Stand

**THUMBS UP** to the Mount Marty College male athletes who signed the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) pledge against committing or tolerating domestic violence. A social justice class at Dakota Wesleyan University (DWU) — comprised of four athletes and a trainer — focused on the topic of domestic violence and developed the pledge. The class not only contacted DWU athletes but challenged the rest of the GPAC members, including Mount Marty. The MMC athletes have shown outstanding response to the pledge, according to school officials, and the River City Domestic Violence Shelter welcomes the awareness created by the pledge. GPAC Commissioner Corey Westra wants to take the effort to the next level, establishing an annual Domestic Violence Awareness Week that could be taken nationwide.